

Everglades National Park
And
Fort Jefferson National Monument
Homestead, Florida

Delegation of Authority

As of 1800, May 20, 1989, I have delegated authority to manage the Ingraham fire, number 8930, Everglades National Park, to Incident Commander, Rex Mann and his Incident Management Team.

The fire which originated as four separate lightning strikes occurring on May 17, 1989, is burning in legislated wilderness. My considerations for management of this fire are:

1. Provide for firefighter safety.
2. I would like the fire managed in such a manner that suppression actions will cause little environmental damage as possible.
3. Key cultural features requiring priority protection are: Mahogany Hammock, overlook board walks, park headquarters, the Pinelands campground and residential area, Royal Palm Visitor Center, and hydrostations with recording equipment.
4. Key resource considerations are: protecting endangered species by providing aircraft telemetry monitoring of Florida Panther, preserving as much Cape Sable Sparrow habitat as possible, and avoiding wildlife entrapment situations.
5. Restrictions for suppression actions are no tracked or wheeled vehicles in the wilderness except where roads exist and are identified for use, and no retardant will be utilized.
6. Minimum tools for use are Type II/III helicopters, chainsaws and weed whips.
7. My agency advisor will be park Fire Management Officer, Sue Husari.
8. The NE flank of the fire borders Florida Department of Forestry (DOF) protection. Chekika State Park must be protected if threatened. John Flowers will be the DOF representative.
9. Managing the fire cost-effectively for the values at risk is a significant concern.
10. Providing training opportunities for the South Florida parks personnel is requested to strengthen our organizational capabilities.
11. Minimum disruption of visitor access of the main park road consistent with public safety.

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Superintendent, Everglades National Park
May 20, 1989

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Amendment to Delegation of Authority

The Delegation of Authority dated May 20, 1989, issued to Incident Commander, Rex Mann for the management of the Ingraham Fire, number 8930 is hereby amended as follows. This will be effective 1800, May 22, 1989.

3. Key cultural features requiring priority protection are: Mahogany Hammock, overlook board walks, park headquarters, the Pinelands campground and residential area, Royal Palm Visitor Center, hydrostations with recording equipment, Shark Valley, Hammock 55, and Binky Hammock Chain.
6. Minimum tools for use are medium and light chainsaws, and weed whips.
12. Use of tracked vehicles authorized to protect the Miccosukee Strip.

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Superintendent, Everglades National Park
May 20, 1989